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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE 1793

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY DOHA QATAR

AMEMBASSY JIDDA SAUDI ARABIA

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LIMDIS BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

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SUBJECT : IRAQI ACCOUNTS OF IRANIAN AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS  
IN PERSIAN GULF

REF : STATE 011201

1. FROM GOB WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER OF CONCERN ABOUT  
RESURGENCE IRANIAN CLAIMS TO BAHRAIN (OR OTHER REPORTED  
ALLEGATIONS OF AGGRESSIVE IRANIAN INTENTIONS IN GULF). IRAQIS  
APPARENTLY ARE PLAYING ON SAUDI NERVES AT PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE  
TIME WHEN THE "GREAT POWERS" OF AREA, IRAN AND EGYPT, ARE  
EMBRACING AND THE U.S., ALWAYS SUSPECTED BY GULF ARABS OF  
PREFERRING IRAN AND EGYPT AS ITS "AGENTS" IN THIS PART OF THE  
WORLD, IS MAKING DISTURBINGLY THREATENING NOISES.

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2. NEVERTHELESS WHAT THE AMIR AND PRIME MINISTER OF BAHRAIN

HAVE BEEN TELLING OFFICIAL U.S. VISITORS (PERCY, SPENCE, EADE)  
ABOUT IRAN RECENTLY IS INSTRUCTIVE.

PREVIOUSLY I HAD ONLY HEARD THEM DUTIFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE  
IRAN'S SECURITY ROLE IN AREA AND THE NEED FOR GOB TO MAINTAIN  
CLOSEST RELATIONS WITH IRAN. IN LAST WEEK AMIR/PM, WHILE  
SUPPORTING IRANIAN ROLE IN OMAN, AND PRAISING SHAH'S STATESMAN-  
SHIP, HAVE VOICED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ABOUT HEAVY IRANIAN  
MILITARY BUILDUP AND HAVE POSED THE QUESTION KUWAITIS HAVE  
TEASED US WITH FOR SEVERAL YEARS: WHAT IS TO HAPPEN TO GULF  
STABILITY AFTER THE SHAH? I DO NOT READ THIS AS SIGN OF  
DETERIORATING IRANIAN/BAHRAINI RELATIONS OR OF INCREASED  
BAHRAINI CONCERN ABOUT SHAH'S PRESENT INTENTIONS TOWARD THE  
GULF. IT SEEMS RATHER A MANIFESTATION OF INCREASING NERVOUSNESS  
THROUGHOUT THE AREA, AND A GENERAL UNEASINESS ABOUT THE VAST  
U.S. MILITARY SUPPLY TO IRAN. THE GULF IS BECOMING AS IN-  
CREASINGLY SENSITIVE AREA WITH IRAQ AND OTHERS EAGER TO  
EXPLOIT THE SITUATION TO THE DETRIMENT OF U.S. POLICY GOALS.  
IRAN SHOULD WALK VERY SOFTLY IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE  
GULF ARABS. SO SHOULD WE.  
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